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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO STATES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the spurt in the prices of primary food articles, there is a demand from States to provide additional resources to them for implementing a proposed mission for raising the production of wheat, rice and pulses;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto;

(c) whether any agreement has been reached between Union Government and State Governments in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)to(d): In view of stagnation in foodgrain production, the National Development Council (NDC) adopted a resolution to enhance the production of rice, wheat and pulses by 10, 8 and 2 million tonnes, respectively by the end of XI Plan. To operationalise the resolution of NDC, the Government has contemplated a Centrally Sponsored Scheme `National Food Security Mission` (NFSM) to enhance the production of wheat, rice and pulses during the XI Five Year Plan.